

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A film composite for a container closure for use on a container with an opening bounded by a peripheral edge, wherein the film composite consists of a plurality of layers and between the upper-most layer and the layer beneath it there is arranged an adhesive layer at least over a joining surface, wherein only the upper-most layer of the film composite comprises an upwardly projecting fold, and wherein said upwardly projecting fold comprises at least a double fold.
2. (Previously Amended) The film composite of claim 1, wherein the film composite includes a sealing layer, a middle layer, and a facing layer.
3. (Previously Amended) The film composite of claim 1, wherein the fold is arranged off-center.
4. (Previously Amended) The film composite of claim 3, wherein the fold divides the surface of the opening of the container into two areas, the smaller of which makes up between 40 percent and less than 50 percent of the surface.
5. (Previously Amended) The film composite of claim 1, wherein the fold includes a fold bottom which forms a straight line that passes diagonally through the entire area of the film composite zone arranged on the opening.
6. (Previously Amended) The film composite of claim 1, wherein the fold has a constant height from the fold bottom to the fold tip.

7. (Previously Amended) The film composite of claim 1, wherein the fold extends roughly 0.5 to 2 cm from the fold bottom to the fold tip.

8. (Previously Amended) The film composite of claim 7, wherein the fold extends roughly 1 to 1.5 cm from the fold bottom to the fold tip.

9. (Currently Amended) A film composite for a container closure for use on a container with an opening bounded by a peripheral edge, wherein the film composite consists of a plurality of layers and between the upper-most layer and the layer beneath it there is arranged an adhesive layer at least over a joining surface, wherein only the upper-most layer of the film composite comprises an upwardly projecting fold and ~~The film composite of claim 1,~~ wherein the upper-most layer ~~forming within~~ the fold is provided with a portion of the adhesive layer in such a way that the portion of the adhesive layer also covers ~~the~~ a surface area of the upper-most layer that forms ~~forming~~ the fold.

10. (Previously Amended) The film composite of claim 9, wherein the adhesive layer covers the whole area of the under side of the upper layer of the film composite.

11. (Previously Amended) The film composite of claim 1, wherein the film composite is slightly greater than the opening extends beyond the peripheral edge.

12. (Currently Amended) A sealing disc for a container closure for use on a container with an opening bounded by a peripheral edge, the lower areas of the sealing disc comprise a film composite, comprising a plurality of layers and between the upper-most layer and the layer beneath it there is arranged an adhesive layer at least over a joining surface, wherein only the upper-most layer of the film composite comprises an upwardly projecting fold, wherein said upwardly projecting fold is a multiple fold having at least one bottom fold and a tip fold.

13. (Currently Amended) A film composite for a container closure for use on a container with an opening bounded by a peripheral edge, comprising:

an upper layer and a lower layer, each layer extending at least to the peripheral edge of the opening; and

an adhesive layer between the upper layer and the lower layer, the adhesive layer extending at least to the peripheral edge of the upper and lower layers;

wherein the upper layer includes an upper surface having a surface area, and an engagement device constructed and arranged to extend from only the upper layer and projecting upwardly from the upper surface, said engagement device formed by three folds of said upper layer including two fold bottoms and a fold tip.

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15. (Original) The film composite of claim 13, wherein the engagement device is a fold of the upper layer and the adhesive layer.

16. (Currently Amended) The film composite of claim 13 ~~14~~, wherein the fold has a base extending between opposing points on the peripheral edge.

17. (Original) The film composite of claim 16, wherein the fold includes a fold tip, and the fold has a constant height when measured from the fold base to the fold tip.

18. (Original) The film composite of claim 17, wherein the height of the fold is about 0.5 to 2 centimeters.

19. (Original) The film composite of claim 17, wherein the height of the fold is about 1 to 1.5 centimeters.

20. (Original) The film composite of claim 13, further comprising a middle layer positioned between the upper layer and the lower layer.

21. (Original) The film composite of claim 15, wherein the base of the fold divides the surface into a first region and a second region, the first region having a surface area of between 40 percent and less than 50 percent of the surface area of the upper layer.

22. (Currently Amended) A sealing disc for a container closure for use on a container with an opening bounded by a peripheral edge, comprising:

an upper layer and a lower layer, each layer extending at least to the peripheral edge of the opening; and

an adhesive layer between the upper layer and the lower layer, the adhesive layer extending at least to the peripheral edge of the upper and lower layers;

wherein the upper layer includes an upper surface having a surface area, and an engagement device constructed and arranged from only the upper layer and projecting upwardly from the upper surface, said engagement device formed by multiple folds of said upper layer and a portion of said adhesive layer.

Please add the following new claims:

--23. (New) The sealing disc of claim 22 wherein the upper layer in the area of the engagement device is laid double starting from a fold bottom, extending to a fold tip and returning to a fold bottom.

24. (New) The film composite of claim 1 wherein the upper-most layer in the area of the fold is laid double starting from a fold bottom, extending to a fold tip and returning to a fold bottom.

25. (New) The film composite of claim 24 wherein the adhesive layer extends between the folds of said laid double upper-most layer.

26. (New) The film composite of claim 1 wherein the adhesive layer extends into the double fold.

27 (New) The sealing disc of claim 12 wherein the adhesive layer extends within said fold in a direction between the bottom and tip folds.

28. (New) A method of forming a graspable tab in the form of an upwardly projecting fold that is formed as part of a sealing disc for a container opening, said method comprising the steps of:

forming the disc of a film composite of a plurality of layers including an upper-most layer, a layer beneath the upper-most layer and an adhesive layer therebetween;

coating said upper-most layer with the adhesive layer while the upper-most layer is in an unfolded state; and

forming said projecting fold by bending the upper-most layer on and relative to the beneath layer.

29. (New) The method of claim 28 wherein the step of forming said projection includes forming a double laid fold with the adhesive layer therebetween.

30. (New) The method of claim 28 wherein the step of coating with the adhesive layer includes coating the whole upper-most layer before bending.

31. (New) The method of claim 28 wherein the upper-most layer in the area of the fold is laid double starting from a fold bottom, extending to a fold tip and returning to a fold bottom.

32. (New) The method of claim 31 wherein the adhesive layer extends between the folds of said laid double upper-most layer.

33. (New) The method of claim 28 wherein the step of forming said projecting fold by bending includes forming by bending only the upper-most layer.--